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**Advisory Action**  
**Before the Filing of an Appeal Brief**

**Application No.**

10/695,521

**Applicant(s)**

MAHONEN ET AL.

**Examiner**

STEVEN LIM

**Art Unit**

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THE REPLY FILED 29 April 2008 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE.

1. ☒ The reply was filed after a final rejection, but prior to or on the same day as filing a Notice of Appeal. To avoid abandonment of this application, applicant must timely file one of the following replies: (1) an amendment, affidavit, or other evidence, which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee) in compliance with 37 CFR 41.31; or (3) a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114. The reply must be filed within one of the following time periods:

- a) ☒ The period for reply expires 3 months from the mailing date of the final rejection.  
b) ☐ The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection.  
Examiner Note: If box 1 is checked, check either box (a) or (b). ONLY CHECK BOX (b) WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).

Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

**NOTICE OF APPEAL**

2. ☐ The Notice of Appeal was filed on \_\_\_\_\_. A brief in compliance with 37 CFR 41.37 must be filed within two months of the date of filing the Notice of Appeal (37 CFR 41.37(a)), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 41.37(e)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal. Since a Notice of Appeal has been filed, any reply must be filed within the time period set forth in 37 CFR 41.37(a).

**AMENDMENTS**

3. ☐ The proposed amendment(s) filed after a final rejection, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because  
(a) ☐ They raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);  
(b) ☐ They raise the issue of new matter (see NOTE below);  
(c) ☐ They are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or  
(d) ☐ They present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: \_\_\_\_\_. (See 37 CFR 1.116 and 41.33(a)).

4. ☐ The amendments are not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121. See attached Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (PTOL-324).  
5. ☐ Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): \_\_\_\_\_.  
6. ☐ Newly proposed or amended claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).  
7. ☒ For purposes of appeal, the proposed amendment(s): a) ☐ will not be entered, or b) ☒ will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.  
The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:  
Claim(s) allowed: \_\_\_\_\_.  
Claim(s) objected to: \_\_\_\_\_.  
Claim(s) rejected: 1-38.  
Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: \_\_\_\_\_.

**AFFIDAVIT OR OTHER EVIDENCE**

8. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence filed after a final action, but before or on the date of filing a Notice of Appeal will not be entered because applicant failed to provide a showing of good and sufficient reasons why the affidavit or other evidence is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 1.116(e).  
9. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence filed after the date of filing a Notice of Appeal, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because the affidavit or other evidence failed to overcome all rejections under appeal and/or appellant fails to provide a showing of a good and sufficient reasons why it is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 41.33(d)(1).  
10. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence is entered. An explanation of the status of the claims after entry is below or attached.

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION/OTHER**

11. ☒ The request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because:  
See Continuation Sheet.  
12. ☐ Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s). (PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s). \_\_\_\_\_.  
13. ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

/Lester Kincaid/  
Supervisory Patent Examiner, Art Unit 2617

Continuation of 11, does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: Regarding applicant's argument that Littleton fails to teach or suggest performing a second synchronization step to transfer binding data, Examiner disagrees because Littleton does teach performing a second synchronization step to transfer binding data as (service features and phone numbers are sent to PC, Paragraphs 23 and 25, however as recited in the final rejection Littleton only fails to disclose transferring the second synchronization step data in response to the first transfer, which would have been obvious to one skilled in the art because to form the bond both the binding data and the user data would be required. Regarding applicant's arguments that Littleton fails to disclose forming binding between a user data unit and a function of a second device in the second device, Examiner disagrees because the limitation as broadly interpreted is disclosed by Littleton as creating a relationship between the contact information or user data units and a function of the second synchronization device (updating the record) according to the binding data received (dirty flags) which are associated with each contact (Dirty flag determines whether a contact has been changed and needs to undergo an update function by the PC using PIM software, Paragraphs 18 and 29). Regarding applicant's arguments towards the limitation of "binding data", Examiner disagrees that a contact record is asserted as corresponding to both binding data and a user data unit because the Final Rejection states that a contact record combined with service features would be binding data and that a contact record alone would be a user data unit. Regarding applicant's argument that Littleton's synchronization is not separate, Examiner disagrees because a contact record contains information such as addresses and phone numbers and the binding data that links all the information in a contact must be transmitted before or after the individual contact data. Therefore the claims as broadly claimed and interpreted are disclosed by the references as discussed in the Final Rejection. Regarding Applicant's note that Claims 19-26, 28-36 and 38 were not included in the statements of rejection, Examiner thanks applicant as these claims were rejected under the 35 USC 103 heading and should have been included in the statement of rejection as being rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Littleton et al. (US 20030023759).